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## **URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials today announced that applications for outreach and education grants are now being accepted.

Grant applications for outreach and education projects are available from the Forest Stewardship Program. These grants are funded through the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program.

This program enables individual landowners to achieve personal land ownership goals and objectives while maintaining forest ecosystems, biological resources and the supply of forest products. Individuals, public agencies and non-profit private entities [501(c)] are eligible to apply. All projects must include an outreach and education component targeting non-industrial, private forest landowners. Forest stewardship activities considered for funding include management planning for school and municipal forests, workshops, youth programs, developing areas that demonstrate forest ecosystems and proper forest management, and large ecosystem projects for forest sustainability and health.

Grant applications must be postmarked by August 15, to be given funding consideration for this grant cycle. Projects must be completed by September 15, 2004. All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds. Depending on the project, grants up to \$15,000 may be requested.

To obtain a grant application or for more information, contact Kevin Sayers, Urban and Community Forester, at 517-241-4632, DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, PO Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or

visit the website at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

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